

**OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER
REPORT TO THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

AUGUST 2007

We have taken in 20 new appeals within the office this month. Two of these cases are being handled by FTE attorneys within the regions, one was contracted out, and the remaining 17 are staying within the office. We are currently awaiting transcripts on 16 of these cases.

Nineteen briefs were filed in August: nine opening briefs, six reply briefs, and four dependent/neglect briefs.

Briefs filed within ADO Office by month:

08/2006	5	02/2007	12
09/2006	5	03/2007	14
10/2006	12	04/2007	18
11/2006	15	05/2007	15
12/2006	10	06/2007	14
01/2007	14	7/2007	18
		8/2007	19

There are currently 200 appellate cases open within the ADO.

FTE within ADO 136

Regional FTE 22

Contract/Conflict 39

Contract/Conflict 3

12 awaiting opinion, 10 pending/briefing

25 awaiting opinion, 17 still briefing

Post-conviction relief

We've closed 76 cases to date.